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OF

That Reverend Divine,

AND

Excellent Historian,

DOCTOR

THOMAS FULLER.

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His reverend per-son deceased, who while he shined bere gave a full Meridian light to all kind of History; sets with this Shadow in his own, the dark side of that Lanthorn to himself, whose lucidations had discovered all before it, and rescued so many brave memoires

moires from the violence of time. Pitty it is that such excellent persons (for it is their common Fate) should be so neglectfull of Themselves, while they are so serviceable to the world, which reaps all with a careless or ungratefull return to the Authors of their store and increase.

And as the intrinsecall worth of Diamonds exerts not its lustre without a foyl; so it fareth with the most costly and rich shrines of those

those resplendent and shining vertues, erected in the memory and fame of worthy men, weh are alwaies shewed by Lamp, or some other facacious and borrowed Light, that onely directs to the solemnity and invites veneration, but cannot contribute nor adde any reall estimate and bonour to the Saint bimself.

The account of this Reverend Doctor deceased states it self in this Apology: it pretends not to be any of

bis least & inconsiderable Relique, and it doth alike justifie it self from being his Legend; meerly the worth of so deserving a person, (which no Penhath yet undertook or attempted) for civilities sake, hath obliged this Essay, which to your casiest censure is here submitted.

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The Life of the reverend

THOMAS FULLER.

He ample subject of this incompetent relation is Doctor Thomes Fuller, to whose dust we do avowedly

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He was born at All Wincle an obfeure Town in Northamptonshire, some five miles from Oundle in the year of our Lord 164-- a place now equalled to, and vying honour with any seed-plot (in that county) of vertue, learning, and Religion; and of which hereafter to its glory. The Life of it shall be sid, That this MAN; born There.

He was the Son of Mr. The Fellothe Minister of the same Town, man of a blameless and as private life, who spent himselfe in the discharge of his Pastorall office to web God had called him, without embarquing himselfe in the bust controversies of his time, that is boured under the satigues of the importunate puritanism and plant

ding popery.

Part of this privacy bestowed selfe fruitfully upon the youth the venerable Doctor, (who had lost sometime under the ill menagof a raw and unskilfull School master) so that in a little space such a proficiency was visibly see in him, that it was a question whether he owed more to his father for his birth or education; but which had so happily and so easily concurred, that he was admirable

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Learned before it could be supposed he had been raught; and this will seem no paradox to those who knew his felicity of memory which he owed not to the subricity of Art, but the certainty of Name.

Having under this tuition past the just time of Adolescency in those puerile studies, at twelve years of age, this hopefull slip was translated to Cambridge, where he first settled in Queens Colledge, of which a neer kinsman of his Dr. was then President. This was a sphere wherein his relucent vertues and conspicuous abilities had room to exert themselves, so that he filled the eyes of that University with a just expectation of his future lustre.

Here he successively passed the degrees of Batchelor and Master of Arts, with such generall commendation, and ar such unusuall age,

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During his residence in this Colledge a Fellowship was vacant, for which the Doctor became Candidate, prompted thereunto by a double plea of merit and interest, besides the desire of the whole house; but a Statute of the Colledge prevailing against them all, which admitted not two Fellows of the said County of Northampton, the Doctor quitted his pretensions and delignation to that preferment. And though he was well affured of a dispensation, from the strict limitation of that Statute, to be obtained for him, yet he totally declined it, as not willing to ow his rife and advancement to the courtesie of so ill a Precedent, that might usher in more immodest intrusions upon the priviledges and laws of the Colledge.

But this gave him a fair occasion

Dr. Thomas Fuller. to transfer himselfe to Sidney Colledge, whither by fome of his choice and learned friends, he had often been invited. He had not long been here, but he was chosen Minister of St. Bennets parish in the Town of Cambridge, in whose Church he offered the Primitie of his Ministerial Fruits, which like Apples of Gold in pictures of Silver (fublime Divinity in the most ravishing Elegancies) attracted the audience of the University, by whose dilated commendations, he was generally known at that age at which most men do but peep into the world.

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These his great sufficiences (being now but about the age of twenty three years) tendred him a Prebendary of Salisbury, and at the same time a Fellowship in Sidney colledge. They were both eximious preferments as the times then were, the estimation of either being equally

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Doctors inclination by assed him to the more active and profitable incumbency, into which his inbred piety and devotion had from the first of his resolutions inducted him. Whereupon he retired from that University and betook himself to the Priestly Function, being thereunto ordained by the right reverend Father in God the Bisself.

shop of Salisbury.

This being the Kings Donation, was some further reason for abandoning his most pleasant studies and conversation in Cambridge, for that also by the Statutes of both Universities it is provided, that no person who shall have Ten pound per annum in the Kings books shall be capable of a Fellow-ship in either of them. So providence was pleased to dispose of him in each of these Accademical honorary intendments, that his sluent

Dr. Thomas Fuller. 7 fluent should not run silently in those streams, contribute onely to their Emanations, but with Fame discharge it selfe into the Ocean, reciprocate Honour and Desert, with the World.

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Having thus lancht and being so furnished he set forth in the course of the Ministry, exchanging those delightful privacies of his Colledg-Studies (which laid the happy Foundations and beginnings of those Excellent Books, which successively teemed those productions and propagations of divine Learning and Knowledge, of which more hereaster,) for the troublesome Cure of a Parish and importunate Pulpit.

That Prebend of Salisbury was a commodious step to another more profitable place, which for its vicinity to that Cathedral, and being in the same Diocesse, did sasily commend it self, without the aid

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and instance of the Patron, or other inducements, to the Doctors acceptance ; but yet he did not over-readily entertain the kindness of the proffer till after a seriou scrutiny of himself and his Abilities to discharge the requisite du-ties the place called for; and after a very full and fatisfactory enquiry of his Parishioners:

It was the Rectory of Broad Winfor in Dorfetshire, a place far distant ced from his native Country, & remoter from his University. A Prophet bath no Honour in his own; and therefore it was doubled to him in anorher. The Accomedation both in reference to his maintenance and respect from this people was very noble, and which afforded great expedience to the Doctors o. ther sabours, which were bountifully cherished under the tuition of his Ministry,

After some while employed here

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in the pattoral Office, the Doctor was defired by some Friends to dignifie his Desert, with the Degrees, which his Time and standing by the Rules of the University afforded him: whereunto the Doctor out of a reverence to his Honourable Calling was well inclined, and accordingly prepared for his departure to Cambridge to take the Degree of Batchelour of Divi-

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Having taken care therefore to supply his place for the time of his absence, at his setting forth he was acquainted that 4 of his chief Parishioners with his good leave, were ready to wait on him to Cambridge, to testifie their exceeding engagements, it being the sense and request of his whole Parish; This kindnesse was so present and so resolutely press, that the Doctor with many thanks for that and other demonstrations of their Love to-wards

wards him, gladly accepted of their Company, and with his cultomary innate pleasantnesse entertained their time to the Journies end.

At his comming to Cambridge he was most welcomly treated and faluted by his friends and acquaintance, and vifited almost by all considerable persons of the University and Towns especially of his Parishioners of St. Bennet : Fame and Love vying which should render him most Addresses, to the great delight and fatisfaction of his fellow-Travellers and Neighbours in having a Minister who was so highly and yet no leffe defervedly honoured, but to the Trouble of the modest Doctor, who was then forced to bufie his invention with Complements, to which he was most naturally averse.

At this Commencement there proceeded with him in the same

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Dr. Thomas Fuller. eir Degree of Batchelour of Divinity ry three other reverend persons, all with general applause and commendation; and therefore to doc them no wrong must forbear to he give the Deceased Doctor his parde deular due: Onely thus much by the way may be added, that this Il Commencement cost the Doctor for his particular the fum of feven-is score pounds, an evidence of his score pounds, an evidence of his liberality and largenesse of mind proportionable to his other capacity's, and yet then which nothing

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At his departure he was dismissed with as Honourable valedictions, and so he returned in the same company (who had out of their own purse contributed another addition of honour to that folemnity) to his faid Rectory at Broad Winfor resolving there to spend himselfe and the time of his pilgrimage amongst his deare and loving charge. In

In the amenity and retire ment of this rurall life some perfection was given to those pieces, weh so to after blest this age (an account all which is reserved to the consciusion of these Collections:) from this pleasant prospect he drew that excellent Piece of the Holy Land Pifgab fight, and other Tracts relig ting thereto; fo that what was fail t bitterly of some Tyrants, that the made whole Countries vast sol 1 tudes and desarts, may be inverted to the Eulogie of this Doctor, the he in these recesses made desart the solitudes of Israel, the frequent ted path and track of all ingenuou and studious persons.

But Contemplation and the immurement of his vast spirit within the precincts of his Paris (although both delightfull and profitable, those foraign Travels his brain above mentioned affording the One, and his pious labour

Dr. Thomas Fuller. 13 Big at home yeilding the other) grew foo redious and wearisom to his active negand free Genius, which was framed

comby nature for converse, and general ro latelligence, not to be smothered in

the such an obscurity.

Tothis inclination also the unel quietness and trepidations of those fai times (then scared with the news the of a war about Religion and reformation which the Scots pretended) red did oversway him. He was very the sensible whither those first commotions did tend, and that some heavy disaster did in those angry ou clouds which impended over the Nation, more particularly threaten th the Clergy. He was then also marrie ried unto a vertuous young Genif tlewoman, and by her had born there his eldest son now a hopefull so plant in the same Colledge and University where his Father had his education. These motives concurring with that generall fame and esteem

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esteem of him, drew him to the consultation of a City life, when both security, honour, and the advantages of learning did demonstratively promise the completion of his desires & intended tranquillity, destined already to some publique workes which were then in designment.

Removing therefore to London having obtained his fair dismission from that charge in the Countrey, he continued his pious endeavour of preaching in most of the voyced Pulpits of London, (being cryed up for one of the most excellent preachers of his age) but most usually

in the Inns of Court,

He was from thence by the Marster and Brotherhood of the Savo (as well as earnestly desired and intreated by that small parish) complemented to accept of the Lecturers place; which having undertaken after some instance, her

Dr. Thomas Fuller. did most piously and effectually discharge, witness the great confluence of affected Hearers from distant congregations, insomuch that his own Cure were (in a sense) excommunicated from the Church, unless their timous diligence kept pace with their devotion; the Dodor affording them no more time for their extraordinaries on the Lords day, then what he allowed his habituated abstinence on all the rest. He had in his narrow Chappel two Audiences, one without the pale, the other within; the windows of that little Church, and the Sextonry so crowded, as if Bees had fwarmed to his mellifluous difcourfe.

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He continued here to the great fatisfaction of his people, and the neighbouring Nobility & Gentry, till our unhappy unnaturall warres had made a dismall progress through the whole Nation: labou-

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ring all that while in private and in publique to beget a right understanding among all men of the Kings most righteous cause, which through seduction and popular surveys was generally maligned. His exhortations to peace and obedience were his constant subjects in the Church, (all his Sermons were such Liturgies) while his secular daie were spent in vigorously promoting the Kings affairs either by a sudden reconciliation or potent assistance.

To this end on the Anniversary day of his late Majesties inauguration, which was the-day of March 1642. hee preached at St. Peter Westminster on this Text, 2 Sam. 19. 30. Tealet him take them all, so that my Lord the King return in peace. A Theatn so distastfull to the ring-leaders of the Rebellion (who had on purpose so scandalously driven him from his Court & Parliament, that

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that he might never with any pleasure thinke of returning to them till he had vindicated his Honour upon the abettors of those Tumults) and so well and loyally enforc'd by him, that drew not only a suspicion from the moderate millead party of Parliament, but an absolute odium on him from the Grandees and Principals in the Rebellion.

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There were few or none of the Orthodox Clergy then remaining within their Lines of Communication (new invented Limits for the Cities old Liberties) fome being dead in restraint or through more harsh and cruel dealing, the rest outed and silenced; so that their inspection & spyall was confined almost to the Doctors Pulpit as to publique Assemblies; where neverthelesse he desisted not nor altered from his main course, the Doctrine of Allegiance, till such

fuch time as the Covenant was obtruded upon his Conscience, and must through his perswasions be likewise pressupon his people.

Several false rumours and cavil there are about his carriage and opinion touching that facrile gious thing by persons, who were distanced as far from the knowledge of those passages, a fortunately from being concerned and engaged within the reach of 'Twas not onely eas that fnare. but most prudential, for other Ec clesiastical persons to quit their Livings, who were out of the gripe and clutches of those ravenous Reformists, in order to keep their conscience inviolable; but it was diffi culty enough of it felf for the Doctor to escape and get out of that place, where the next prefermen would have been a Dungeon.

Some velitations, transient discourses he made about that fre

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Dr. Thomas Fuller. quent and thumb'd subject of the reformation, the rather to suspend the busie censures of the Parliament and their party; wherein, though he feemed to comply, (but as far as the Rule and Example would allow) and indulge the misapprehension of those men, yet these his charitable disguises could not obscure him from the severe animadversions of several Minifters Eminent in those Reforming Times, particularly Mr. Saltmarfb: The Contest betwixt them is so known in print, that it will be needlesse to trouble the Reader with it here: Onely thus much by digression in honour of this venerable Doctor: Mr. saltmarsh being long fince dead, He hath in his Book of the Worthies General of England (of which hereafter) given him a most Honourable mention, and affigued him the place of his Birth, Education and Burial, regi-C 1 ftring

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ftring him for an Ornament of them all: fo Resplendent and Durable was the Doctors Charity. I may not omit one thing, that the Doctor in recording and relating of the Death of the faid Mr. Saltmarsh, doth passionately reflect on the shortnesse of his life and the acutenesse of that Feaver which so violently ended him, reducing and applying it to the uncertainty of his own state, & we now unhappily fee those curious presages of his Pen verified and accomplished in his most immature and sudden dece ale.

To return to our Subject, in the beginning of the year 1643. the said Covenant was generally presented, and a very great persecution soon after followed it. The Doctor was settled in the love and affections of his own Parish, besides other obligations to his numerous Followers; so that the Covenant then tendred

Dr. Thomas Fuller. 21 tendred might feem like the bright fide of that cloud (promifing ferenity and prosperity to him, as was infinuated to the Doctor by many great Parliamentarians) which showred down after a little remotenesse, such a black horrible tempest upon the Clergy, nay the Church and three Kingdomes. But the good Doctor could not bow down his knee to that Baal-Berith, nor for any worldly confiderations (enough whereof invited him even to fall down and worship, men of his great parts being infinitly acceptable to them) lend so much as an Ear to their serpentine charms of Religion and

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Since therefore he could not continue wirh his Cure without his Conscience, and every day threatned the imposition of that illegal Oath, he resolved to betake himself to Gods providence, and

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waving all indirect means and Advantages whatsoever towards his security. In order thereunts, in April 1643, he deserted the City of London, and privately conveyed himselfe to Oxford, to the no less sudden amazement of the Faction here, who yet upon recollection quickly found their mistake, then to the unexpected content and joy of the Loyal party there, who had every day John Messengers of the plundering, ruines and imprisonments of Orthodox Divines.

Oxford was then the common refuge and shelter of such perfected persons, so that it never was nor is like to be a more Learned University, (one Breast being dryed up by Crommels visitation, the Milk resorted to the other) nor did ever Letters and Arms so well consist together, it being an accomplisht Academy of Both:

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Among the multitude of those new comers like the clean beafts to the Ark, when the waters encreased, the KING (the most excellent intelligent Prince of the shilities of his Clergy) vouchfafed the Doctor the Honour of preaching before him in St: Maries, where with the like moderation he laid open the bleffings of an accommodation, as being too too fensible and that so recently of the virulency and impotent rage, though . potent arms, of the difloyal Londoners, which as the Doctor then Christianly thought, could not better be allayed then by a fair condificention in matters of Church Reformation.

It feems some particulars in that Sermon gave offence to some at Court, as if the good Doctor were a Luke-warm Royalist, and did not throughly own his Majesties Gause; which ill grounded conceit, C 4 though 24 The Life of

though he were well satisfied in that his plea for Composure) did not a little trouble him: to explain and free himself, an opportunity was wanting both of Press and Pulpit, and the hurry of the War gave not his prejudiced Hearers leisure for his particular vindication. He resolved therefore streenwously to evince his faithful Loyalty to the King by another kind of Argument, by appearing in the Kings Armies, to be a Preacher Militant to his Souldiers:

This Resolution Providence was pleased to favour by an Honourable Friends recommendation of the Doctor to my Lord Hopton, who was then to chuse a Chaplain. This noble Lord, though as couragious and expert a Captain, and successful withal, as the King had any, was never averse to an amicable closure of the War upon fair and honourable terms, and did therefore

Dr. Thomas Fuller. therefore well approve of the Doctor, and his defires and pursuit after peace. The good Doctor was likewise infinitely contented in his Attendance on fuch an Excellent Personage, whose conspicuous and noted Loyalty could not but derive the same reputation to his retainers, especially one so near his conscience as his Chaplain, and so wipe off that flain, which the mistakes of those Men had cast on him. In this entendment God was pleased to succeed the Doctor and give him victory (proper to the Camp he followed) against this first attempt on his Honour.

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During the Campania and while the Army continued in the Field, he performed the duty of his holy Function, with as much solemn Piety and Devotion, as he used before in places consecrated to Gods Worship; and according to the form used and appointed by

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the Church of ENGLAND: In all Emergencies and present Enterprizes, using no other prayers, then what the care of the Fathers of the Church, had in those miserable exigences newly directed. To this he added constant preaching on the Lords day, animating in his Sermons the Souldiers to fight couragiously and to demean themselves worthy of that glorious Cause with which God had honoured them.

With the progress of the War he marched from place to place, and where ever there happened for the better accomodation of the Army any reasonable stay, he allotted it with great satisfaction to his beloved studies. Those cessations and intermissions, begot in him the most intentnesse and sollicitous industry of mind, which as he never used to much recreation or diversion in times of peace, which might

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might loose and relasch a well disciplin'd spirit; so neither did the horrour and rigidnesse of the war stiffen him in such a stupidity (which generally possess all Learned Men) or else distract him, but that in such lucid intervals, he would seriously and fixedly come to himself and his designed businesse.

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Indeed his businesse and study then, was a kind of Errantry, having proposed to himself a more exact Collection of the Worthies General of England, in which others had waded before, but he resolved to go through. In what place foever therefore he came, of remark especially, he spent frequently most of his time in views and refearches of their Antiquities and Church-Monuments, infinuating himself into the acquaintance (which frequently ended in a lasting friendship) of the learnedst and

and gravest persons residing within the place, thereby to informe himself fully of those things he thought worthy the commendation of his labours. It is an incredible thing to think what a numerous correspondence the Doctor maintained and enjoyed by this means.

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Nor did the good Doctor ever refuse to light his Candle in investigating Truth from the meanest persons discovery: He would en dure contentedly an hours or more impertinence from any aged Church-officer, or other superannuated people for the gleaning of two lines to his purpose. And though his spirit was quick and nimble, and all the faculties of his mind ready and answerable to that activity of dispatch, yet in these inquests he would stay and attend those circular rambles till they came to a poynt; fo resolute the

Dr. Thomas Fuller. 29 was he bent to the fifting out of abstruse Antiquity. Nor did he ever dismisse any such feeble Adjutators or Helpers (as he pleafed to style them) without giving them money and chearful thanks besides.

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After the Fight at Cheriton Down my Lord Hopton drew down with his Army and Artillery to Basing, and so marched that way to Oxford, intending to take up Winter Quarters as foon as he had confulted with the King, and left the Doctor in that as couragiously manned, as well fortified House, where he had scarce begun to reduce his marching Observations into Form and Method, but Sir Winchester, came to besiege the amated or terrified him, but onely the noyse of the Canon playing from the Enemies Leagure interrupted

rupted the profecution of diges sting his Notes, which trouble he recompenced to them by an importunate spiriting of the Defen. dants in their Sallies; which they followed to close and to bravely, fuffering the Besiegers scarce to eat or fleep, that Sir William was compelled to raise his Siege and march away, leaving above a thou fand men flain behind him; and the DOCTOR the pleasure of feeing that strong Effort of Rebel lion in some way by his means repulsed and defeated, and in being free to proceed in his wonted in tendments.

What time the Doctor continued here is very uncertain; fure we may be he was not an unemploy'd or an unacceptable Gueft to that Loyal Garrison, and that as Noble and Honourable Marqueste the Proprietary of the Place; the Domolishing of which princely Em

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Dr. Thomas Fuller. fice then standing in spight of their potent Armes, yet afterwards through the Fortune of War being fallen into their hands and razed by their more impotent revenge, he doth heartily lament in his Worthies Generall, preferring it while it flourished, tor the chiefest Fabrick in Hantshire. This his kindness to the place of his Refuge though no doubt true and deferred enough, yet no questionlesse was indeared in him, by some more peculiar obliging regards and respects he found during his abode there; though indeed his worth could want and misse them no where.

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The next removal of the Doctor, was to his charge in the Army, and his particular duty of Chaplain to his faid Lord. The War was then at its Zenith, hotter and more dilated, raging every where both in this and the two neighbouring

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Kingdoms, so that there was no shelter or retirement, which it had not invaded and intruded into by unruly Garrisons, while the Country became a devasted Solitude, so that the Doctors Designe could

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But that fatal War hasting to a sad and miserable end, success not answering the merit of the Cause, the Kings Field forces being every where engaged, and part of the Loyal Army driven into Cornwall under the Command of that skilful Captain, the good Doctor took refuge betimes in Exeter, having taken his Conge and Dismission of his beloved Lord.

Here again he resumed his Task of the aforesaid Worthies, not minding the cloud impending on that place, nor no way intermitting the Duty of his Calling, preaching constantly to those truly Loyal Citizens: It is a supernumerary

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merary labour to acquaint the Reader with how great latisfaction and content, that alwayes and every where being annexed to his

meanest endeavours.

During his stay in Exeter, the Queen having been delivered of her last Burden, (saving her forrows and distresses by the Birth of the Princesse Henrietta, the Learned Doctor was preferred to be the Infant-Ladies Chaplain; Her Royal Fathers intendment being, as he had educated the rest of his Princely, Issue to have her brought up in the Protestant Religion: To that end, the good Doctor in regard of his foundnesse and sincerity in that profession, and eminent famous Affertion of it, was designed to attend on her, to instill unto her tender mind (if God had pleafed to continue her with safety within the limits of this Kingdome) the D Principles

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Principles and Belief of the English [Catholique] Church. This for the present was altogether Honorary and pointed only at his merit, which indeed was as much as the iniquity of those times would afford to any the most deserving Personages. But yet the King to signific his approbation of the Doctors excellent worth by a farther Testimony of it, soon afterwards gave him a Patent for his Presentation to the Town of Dorchester in Dorsetshire, a Living valued to be worth 400 l. per Annum.

This Royal and bounteous Favour, the Doctor modestly declined, continuing his attendance on the Princesse till the Rendition of the City of Exeter to the Parliament; Notwithstanding the Doctor accepted not of the other Preferent of Dorchesters for that Lendon was in his eye, at the most necessary and expedien

place

Dr. Thomas Fuller. 35 place for finishing his aforesaid Book, to which place the Expiration of the War promised some kind of Accesse, which since it could not otherwise be, the Doctor

did gladly submit to.

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For General Fairfax, having by Treaty reduced and disbanded my Lord Hoptons Army in Cornwall, came directly back to befrege Exeter, which Garrison upon consideration that no relief could be expected, and that Resistance would but defer the refetling of the King and Kingdome, (prefled also by the Enemy as a cogent argument for their Rendition,) having very Honourable and comprehensive Articles, both for their Conscience and Estates, delivered up the City to the Parliament Forces.

In these Articles the Doctor was included, and by the benefit of them, was without molestation

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or hindrance permitted to come to the City of London, where he presently recommenced his laborious Enterprize, and by the additional helps of Books, the confluence and resort of Learned men his acquaintance to their sleecing Tyrannical Courts and Committees newly Erected, made such a progresse, that from thence he could take a fair prospect of his whole work.

Upon his first Arrival he came to his own (the Parish of Savoy) but they received him not, the face of things was so altered; many of his parishioners dead, others removed, all of them generally so overawed by an Imperious Rabbi of both Factions, Presbytery and Independency, one Mr. Bond formerly a Preacher at Exeter, then made by the pretended Powers Master of the Savoy. (The Doctor and he having countermarched, and

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and changed ground, wherein different feed was fown of loyall Obedience and treasonable Sedition) that the Doctor might have said of his parish what a Learned Historian said in another greater Case, Parochia in parochia quarenda erat.

But a Living was not the Defign of the good Doctor, who knew how incompatible the Times and his Dodrine must needs be. However as oft as he had private opportunities he ceased not to affert the purity of the Church of England, bewailing the fad condition, into which the grievous abominable fins of the Nation had fo far plunged it as to make it more miserable by bearing so many reproaches and calumnies grounded onely upon its calamity. But some glimmering Hopes of a settlement and understanding betwist the King and the pretended D3 Houses Houses Houses appearing; the pious Doctor betook himself to earnest prayers and petitions to God, that he would please to succeed that blessed work, doing that privately as a Christian, which he might not publiquely doe as a Subject, most fervently imploring, in those Families where his person and devotions were alike acceptable, the blessing of Restauration on this afflicted Church, and its desencelesse Desendor the King.

That defired Affaire went on flowly and uncertainly, but so did not the Doctors Book, for having recommended the first to the Alamighty wisedome, he stood not still expecting the issue, but address himself to his study, affording no time but the leisure of his Meals, which was short, to the hearing of News, with which the minds and mouths of men were then full employed by the changeablenesse of the

Dr. Thomas Fuller. 39 the Army, who plaid fatt and loofe with the King and Parliament, till in conclusion they destroyed both.

Then indeed fuch an amazement struck the Loyal pious Doctor, when he first heard of that execrable Design intended against the Kings person, and saw the villany proceed so uncontroulably. that he not onely furceased but resolved to abandon that lucklesse work (as he was then pleased to call it.) For what shall I write said he of the Worthies of England, when this Horrid Act, will bring fuch an infamy upon the whole Nation as will ever cloud and darken all its former, and suppresse its future rifing glories?

But when through the seared impiety of those men, that parricide was perpetrated, the good Doctor deserted not his study alone but forsook himself too, not

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caring for or regarding his concerns (though the Doctor was none of the most providential Husband, by having store beforehand:) untill such time as his prayers, tears and fasting having better acquainted him with that sad dispensation, he began to revive from that dead pensivenesse to which he had so long addicted himself.

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He therefore now again renewed his former study, setting about it with unwearied diligence. About this time also it happened that the Rectory of Waltham Abby being vacant, and in the disposal of the Right Honourable Earl of Carbile, since deceased, he voluntarily and desirously conferred it on the Doctor, and together made him his Chaplain, both which he very piously and profitably performed, being highly beloved by that Noble Lord, and other Gentlemen

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About this time also many of the Orthodox Clergy began to appear again in the Pulpits of London through the zeal of some right worthy Citizens, who hungred after the true and sincere Word, from which they had so long been restrained; among the Chiefe of whom was our good Doctor, being settled Lecturer for a time at St. Clements lane neer Lumbard-street, where he preached every Wednefday in the afternoon, to a very numerous and Christian Audience; and shortly after from thence he was removed to St. Brides in Fleetfreet in the same quality of Leanrer, the day being changed to Thursday, where he preached with the same efficacy and successe.

The Doctor having continued fome 12 years a Widdower, the War finding him so, had the better relishe

relishe the losse of his first Wife, by how much the freer it rendred him of care and trouble for her in those tumultuous times; so as by degrees it had almost settled in him a perswasion of keeping himselfe in that state. But now an honou. rable and advantagious Match presenting it self, and being recommended to him by the defires of his noble Friends, he confented of the Sisters of the right Honou-lty rable the Viscount Baltingtasse; by he whom he hath issue one onely Some now fix years old, a very hopeful on Youth; having had by his former pen wife another Son of the age of there years or thereabouts, now a hope ec

ful Student in Cambridge.

In the year 1655 when the usure ping Protector had published and Interdict against Ecclesiastics on persons, Schoolmasters and other who had adhered to his late factor relations.

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hims and forfeitures, the good
Dottor forbore not to preach as he
hid before. The convincing power
where of his Doctrine or his worth
desending and keeping him out of
the hands of that unreasonable
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he good Doctor in his first apprecusions of it, though after a little
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restrations of his own conscience
e came to a resolution to doe his
uty as a Minister of Christ, and
ave the issue to God. But he did
conely look upon this prohibion, in general as a severe punishthe insticted upon the Nation,
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Gorners, nay remote corners of the world if they disobey'd that Edit but in particular (at first view of it) as some punishment or institution himself, as if God had refuse him and laid him aside as not sit to his former remisnesse in the discharge of that high Function whereunto he was separated as called.

And now did he superable dantly exercise that grace of class rity to all persons distrest ruined by this sad occasion; when his own small Estate could not he helped out by exhorting a perswading all men of his acquisitance or Congregation, (for so the Church of England reduce even in that to the form of the Schisme that suined it) or se sour Auditory; so that what by uit powerfull Example and as strains perswasions, he did minister the strains of the second se

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Not to omit one particular chanitable office of this Doctor to the feame kind of Sufferers: from the transpiration of the War, he conre lantly retained one that had been Captain in the Royal Army, and whose fortunes and condition to that degree, nor sustain or relieve him in any other. This the
good Doctor did out of a Loyall
and Honourable sense of such
persons sufferings and contempts farunworthy their Cause or their Desert: and did therefore allow him 101: yearly besides dyet and

odging till the Captain died.

About this time the Dostor beame Chaplain to the right Hopourable the Lord Berkley, having witted Waltham, in lieu whereof his Lord presented him with the living of Cranford --- in Midlesex (where his Body is now

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deposited:) how infinitely well be loved he was there needs not be added to those accumulations of respect he found every where, for fear especially of resuscitating the recent grief of those Parishiones for his late lamented losse.

He was a little before wood also to accept of a Living atin Esex, which for some respension to employ that rich Talent with which God had so bountifully trusted him, and undertook, and piously there continued his Labours till his Settlement at London.

In the Interim came out a Bod of Dr. Heylins, called Animadon fions upon Mr. Fuller's Ecclefiafia History, wherein somewhat tank (though with that judicious leaning for which that Dodor is madeservedly honoured) he tank that Book of some Errors, &c. I that this the Dodor replyed by a Bod fixed

fyled The Appeal of injured Innoconce to the learned and ingenious
Reader, being a very modest but
a most rational and polite defence
to the aforesaid exceptions against
that elaborate Piece. The Dispute
and Controversie was soon ended,
the Oyl the Doctor bestowed on
this labour, being poured into the
fresh Wound of this Quarrel did
so asswer was soon healed into a perfect amicable closure and mutual
endearment.
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Indeed the grace that was supereminent in the good Dostor was
Charity, both in giving and forgiving; as he had laboured during
our civil broils after peace, so
when that could not through our
sine be attained, did he with the
same earnestnesse presse the Duty
of Love, especially among Brethren of the same afflicted and too
much already divided Church;
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and therefore was most exemplary in keeping the band of it himself though in a matter that most nearly concerned his credit and same the chiefest worldly Thing he

studied and intended.

This constrained retrospection of the Doctors to secure and assist the far advanced strength of his foremost works, did a little retain and impede the arriere of his labours, which consisted of the flower and choice of all his Abilities and wherein his WORTHIES were placed; howbeit this proved but a Halt, to those encumbrance and difficulties, which he had all along before met, and soon set that Book on foot again.

This was the last Remora to it the Doctor going on a smooth swift pace while all things else were retrograde in the Kingdome through the tyrannical plots and stratagems of the Vsurper Cromme

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fo as toward the beginning of that mirabilis Annus 1660. he had it ready for the Press, to which affoon as the wonders of his Majesties Reflitution was over, (in the thankfal contemplation whereof the good Doctor was so piously fixt as nothing else might presume to inmude upon his raised gladded spiits) he brought it, taking the anficia of that happy and famous juncture of time for the Commeneement of this Everlasting Monument of himself as well, as all other English Noble deceased Perlons.

A while before to compleat the Dector's contentment as to his Ministry also, he was invited to his former Lecturers place at the Savoy, who even from his departure had suffered under an insufficient or disloyal and malicious Clergy; and therefore stood in need of an able and dutiful Son of the Church

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to reduce and lead them in the right way and the old paths; For this People (his ancient flock) the Doctor had alwayes a more especial respect and kindnesse, which was the rather heightned in him out of a compassion to their state and condition. Nor did he more tenderly affect them then they universally respect him, receiving him (as indeed he was) as an Angel of God, sent to minister unto them sheavenly things, in exchange whereof they freely gave him their hearts and hands.

The Doctor through the injury and iniquity of the times had for neer 20 years been barred of all Profits of his Prebendariship of Salisbury (of which before,) but upon the return of the King, those Revenues and Possessions so sacrilegiously alienated from the Church, reverted also to their rightful Proprietors. This accession and ad-

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Dr. Thomas Fuller. 51 ditional Help did very much encourage the Doctor in the carrying on of his Book, which being large would require an able Purfe to go through with, and he was very follicitous, (often presaging he should not live to see it finished though satisfied of his present healthy constitution) to have it done out of hand; to which purpose part of the Money accrewing to him from his Salisbary Prebendariship was designed.

He therefore hastned his Book with all Expedition, and whereas he had intended to continue it but till 1659. and had therefore writ it in such language as those times of Vsurpation (during the most part of which it was compiled) would suffer such a subject & concerning Matter to be drest in; he now reviewed it over, giving Truth, and his own most excellent Phansie their proper becoming Ornaments;

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Scope and Clearnesse. But neither the elevation of the Vsurpers, nor the depression of the Royallists, and the Vice-versa of it did ever incline or fway him to additions, intercalations or expunctions of persons, whom he hath recommended to the world for Worthies; no such thing as a Pym or Protector whom the mad world cryed up for Brave: Drops of compassionate tears they did force from him, but his resolute Inke was not to be Stained by their black actions. A Pen full of fuch, would ferve to blot out the whole Roll of Fame.

This constancy of the Doctors to his first model and main of his design doth most evidently argue his firm perswasion and belief of the reviving of the Royall Cause, since he wrote the most part during those improbable times of any Restitution; and he had very

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As the last felicity of this Doctors life, he was made Chaplain in Extraordinary to his Majesty, being also in a well grounded expectation of some present surther advancement; but here Death stept in and drew the Curtain betwixt him, and his succeeding Ec-

clesiastical Dignities:

And would a Curtain were drawn here too, that the sad remainder of this Task were enjoyned to the last Trump, when we shall know likewise wherefore God was pleased to take him from us, and be satisfied with his providence: Pity the envious should find such an impersection in him as Death; pity the grateful should mourn so long and so much for the losse of him, and his most incomparable Gifts and Endowments.

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ments, without any redress—but infandos Fullere jubes renovare Dolores -- we must continue our discourse though upon a discontinued subject, and write the much deplored Death of Doctor Fuller:

Having in August returned from Salisbury, whither he went to settle and Let his Revenue as Prebend of that Deanery, he returned to his Charge at London. It was a very fickly time in the Country, the distempers most rife wereFeavorish Agues, the disease of which our Do-For dyed and therefore it was judged, that he had brought the infection of his disease thence, which broke out violently upon him foon after his return, (Doctor Nicholas the reverend Dean of Pauls dying neer the same time upon his coming from the same place.) For being defired to preach a Marriage Sermon on Sunday the twelfth of August

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Being in the Pulpit, he found himself very ill, so that he was apprehensive of the danger; and therefore before his Prayer addrest himself thus to his Congregation A

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"resolved by the grace of God to preach this Sermon to you here though it be my last. A sad presage and more sadly verified.

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He proceeded in his Prayer and Sermon very perfectly till in the middle, (never using himself to Notes, other then the beginning word of each Head or Division) he began to falter, but not so much out but that he quickly recollected himself, and very pertinently concluded. After he had a while faredown, he was not able to rife again, but was fain to be led down the Pulpit stairs by two men into the Reading place, He had promised also to Christen a Child Cof a very good friend of his) then in the Church, and the Parent did earnestly importune him to do it, and the good Doctor was as willing as he defiring; but the Doctor's fon shewing . Dr. Thomas Fuller. 57 hewing him the extreme danger there was of his Father, he defifted

from his request.

Much adoe there was to perswade the Doctor to go home in a sedan, he saying still he should be well by and by, and would go along with them; but at last finding himself worse and worse he yieldd to go but not to his old Lodgings (which were convenient for him in the Savoy) but to his new One in Covent-garden. Being come thither they had him to bed, and presently sent for Doctor scarbomgb, but he being in the Counny Doctor Charlton came, who with the exactest skill and care offible, addrest himself to the reovery of the Good Doctor. The Disease was judged by him to be a iolent malignant Feavour, such s then raged every where, and vas better known by the name of he new Disease, which like a plague

Plague had swept awaya multitude of people throughout the Kingdome. Therefore Phlebotom was directed, and some Twenty Ounces of blood taken from him and yet neverthelesse the Paron yfmes continued, having total bereft the Doctor of all lenfe, land much as to give any the leaft ac count of his Condition; the Phylic ficians Art being at a losse, and not able to advise any further against the unsuperable violence and force of the distemper.

Yet in this Sad and Oppress is

Condition, some comfortal in signes and affurances were give by the Good Doctor, by his is requent lifting up his Hands and Eyes; which Devotion ended the folding of his Armes, Sighes, fetcht questionlesse from perfect Contrition for this Lity and from an earnest desire afte lan Fea

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and hope of that to come.

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ftore to him the use of the facultie of his soul, which he very devoused and thankfully imployed in and thankfully imployed, in Christian preparation for Death as earnestly imploring the prayers some of his reverend Brethre co with him, who then were forrow ful Visitors of him in these his later Agonies, which accordingly we the performed, the good Doctor with all the intentnesse of piety jor him and recommendate himself with ding himself with all humbers thankfulnesse and submission thankfulnesse and submission Gods welcome Providence. Note to highly was he affected will be could not endure any personal that he could not endure the could not endure that he could not endure the could that he could not endure any police fon to weep or cry, but would earnesty desire them to refrain highly extolling and preferring him. Condition, as a translation to hic bleffed eternity.

Nor would he therefore endure to hear any thing of the world a

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Dr. Thomas Fuller. orldly matters, for the settling disposition whereof he had fore made no provision, and selent direction, for the better commodating the several conans of his Family : but the Doortotally rejected any thoughts those matters, having his mind hings of ravishing and transcen-lent Excellencies. Even his be-leved Book aforesaid the darling this soul, was totally neglected, or a fyllable dropping from him reference to the perfecting and hishing thereof, which he had brought so neer to the Birth. othing but Heaven and the per-ctions thereof, the confummati-m of Green Glory, must fill up be room of his capacious soul, thich now was slitting and ready take wing to those mansions of

belong. After he had laid a while de an eruption of blood burft for h his Temples, which was comp ctured to have been long feet i

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Dr. Thomas Fuller. 62 Subbere, through too much study, in the methodizing and complea-faining those various Pieces in his Ray OR THIES GENERALE, up of which he was prophetically in affraid he should never live to see the finishing.

he was buried at the defire and at the Costs of the right Honourable his Noble Patron the Lord Berkley at his Parish of Cranford in Middlesex, in the Chancel of the said Church, and attended thither by at least Two hundred of his Brethren of the Ministry, such a solemn Assembly being fearce to be parallel'd, where the he reverend Dean of Rochester Dr. Hardy preached his Funeral Sermon; being a very elegant, and extraordinary patheticall deploration of so great a losse, which hath not yet (though it is hoped and much desired may) passe the Prese; to which Learned Piece with

with all humble submission be referred the Praises and Commends.
tions of this Deceased Docton
being thereby so excellently well
transmitted to his Everlasting
Rest.

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Though we have now brought this Venerable Doctor to his repoftory, and laid him in his filent Grave: yet there remaine some further offices due to his yet speaking Vertues and Graces. The smooth and faire Track whereof could not be so well insisted on in the foregoing considerations of him, as in Via, and that fo falebrofe and difficult by the Unevennesse and Asperity of the times he lived in: but doe now orderly lead us without any diversion, as he is in Glory, to the pursuit of his Fame and Memory.

In tendency whereunto it is requisite, to Enliven that Pourtraite of him prefixed to this Manuall, with some of those natural Graces which were unexpressible in him by the Pencill; withall to shew what a convenient. Habitation learning and vertue had chosen, in which

which nothing could be complained of and faulted, but that they took it for so short a Term.

He was of Stature somewhar Tall, exceeding the meane, with proportionable bigness to become it, but no way inclining to Corpslency: of an exact Straightnesse of the whole Body, and a perfect Symmetry in every part thereof, He was of a Sanguine constitution, which beautified his Face with pleasant Ruddinesse, but of to Grave and serious an aspect, that it Awed and Discountenanced the fmiling Attracts of that complexi-His Head Adorned with comely Light -- Coloured Haire, which was so, by Nature exactly Curled (an Ornament enough of it self in this Age to Denominates handsome person, and wherefore all Skill and Art is used, but no fuffered to overgrow to any length unfeeming his modelty and Profellion. HIS

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His Gate and Walking was very upright and graceful, becoming his well shapen Bulke: approaching fomething near to that we terme Majesticali; but that the Doctor was fo well known to be void of any affectation or pride. Nav fo Regardlesse was he of himselfe in his Garb and Rayment, in which no doubt his Vanity would have appeared, as well as in his stately pace: that it was with fome trouble to himselfe, to be either Neat or Decent; it matter'd not for the outside, while he thought himfelfnever too Curious and Nice in the Dreffes of his mind.

Very Carelesse also he was to seeming inurbanity in the modes of Courtship and demeanour, deporting himself much according to the old English Guise, which for its ease and simplicity suited very well with the Doctor, whose time was designed for more Elaborate

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might have been fincerity.

As inobservant he was of perfons, unlesse businesse with them; or his concerns pointed them out and adverted him; seeing and discerning were two things; often in several places, hath he met with Gentlemen of his nearest and greatest Acquaintance, at a full rencounter and stop, whom he hath endeavoured to passe by, not knowing, that is to say, nor minding of them, till rectifyed and recalled by their familiar compellations.

This will not (it may be prefumed) and justly cannot be imputed unto any indisposednesse and unaptuesse of his Nature, which was so far from Rude and untractable, that it may be considently averred, he was the most complacent person in the Nation, as his Converse and Writings, with such

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ciently evince.

He was a perfect walking Library, and those that would finde delight in him must turn him; he was to be diverted from his present purpose with some urgency: and when once Unfixed and Unbent, his mind freed from the incumbency of his Study; no Man could be more agreeable to Civil and Serious mirth, which limits his most heightned Fancy never transgressed.

He had the happinesse of a very Honourable, and that very numerous acquaintance, so that he was no way undisciplined in the Arts of Civility; yet he continued semper idem, which constancy made him alwaies acceptable to

them.

At his Diet he was very sparing and temperate, but yet he allowed F 3 him.

himself the repasts and refreshings of two Meals aday: but no lover of Danties, or the Inventions of Cookery: solid meats better fitting his strength of Constitution; but from drink very much absternious, which questionselse was the cause of that uninterrupted Health he enjoyed till this his First and Lass ficknesse: of which Felicity as he himself was partly the cause of by his exactnesse in eating and drinking, so did he the more dread the sudden institution of any Disease,

happen.
But his great abstinence of all was from Sleep, and strange it was that one of such a Fleshly and sanguine composition, could overwatch so many heavy propense

or other violence of Nature, fearing this his care might amount to a presumption, in the Eyes of the greas Disposer of all things, and so it pleased GOD it should

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And yet this is a further wonder: he did scarcely allow himself, from his First Degree in the University any Recreation or Easie Exercise, no not so much as walking, but very Rare and Seldome; and that not upon his own choice, but as being compelled by friendly, yet, Forcible Invitations; till such time as the War posted him from place to place, and after that his constant attendance on the Presse in the Edition of his Books:

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when was a question, which went the fastest, his Head or his Feet. so that in effect he was a very stranger, if not an Enemy to all

pleasure.

Riding was the most pleasant, because his necessary conveniences, the Doctors occasions, especially his last work, requiring Travel, to which he had so accustomed himfels: so that this Diversion, (like Princes Banquets only to be looked upon by them, not tasted of) was rather made such then enjoyed by him.

So that if there were any Felicity or Delight, which he can be truly said to have had: it was either in his Relations or in his Works. As to his Relations, certainly, no man was more a tender, more indulgent a Husband and a Father: his Gonjugal Love in both matches being equally blest with the same Issue, kept a constant Tenour

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Tenour in both Marriages, which he so improved, that the Harmony of his Affections still'd all Discord, and Charmed the noyse

of passion.

Children, he was exceeding carefull, allowing them any thing conducing to that end, beyond the present measure of his estate; wich its well hoped will be returned to the Memory of so good a Father, in their early imitation of him in all those good Qualities and Literature, to which they have now such an Hereditary clayme.

As to his Books, which we usually call the Issue of the Brain, he was more then Fond, totally abandoning and forsaking all things to follow them. And yet if Correction and Severity (so this may be allowed the gravity of the Subject) be also the signes of Love; a stricter and more carefull hand

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was never used. True it is they did not grow up without some errours, like the Tares: nor can the most refined pieces of any of his Antagonists boast of perfection. He that goes an unknown and beaten Track in a Dubious way, though he may have good directions, yet if in the journey he chance to stray, cannot well be blamed; they have perchance plowed with his Heifer, and been beholden to those Authorities (for their Exceptions) which he first gave light to.

To his Neighbours and Friends he behaved himselse with that chearfulnesse and plainnesse of Assection and respect, as deservedly gained him their Highest esteemes from the meanest to the highest he omitted nothing what to him belonged in his station, either in a samiliar correspondency, or necessary Visas; never suffering intreasures.

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Dr. Thomas Fuller. ies of that which either was his Duty, or in his power to perform. The quickness of his apprehension belped by a Good Nature, prefendy sugested unto him (without putting them to the trouble of an issuends) what their severall Affairs required, in which he would fpare no paynes : infomuch that it was a piece of Absolute Prudence torely upon his Advice and Affistance. In a word, to his Superiours he was. Dutifully respectfull without Ceremony or Officiousnesse; to his equalls he was Discreetly respectful; without neglect or unfociableness, and to his Inferiours, (whom indeed he judged Christianly none to be civilly refpetifull without Pride or Disdain.

But all these so eminent vermes, and so sublimed in him were but as soyles to those excellent gifts wherewith God had endued his intellectuals. He had a

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memory of that valt comprehensiveness, that he is deservedly known for the first inventer of that Noble Art, whereof having left behind him no Rules, or directions, save, onely what fell from himin discours, no further account can be given, but a relation of some very rare experiments of it made by him.

He undertook once in passing to and fro from Temple-bar to the furthest Conduit in Cheapside, at his return again to tell every Signe as they stood in order on both sides of the way, repeating them either backward or forward, as they should chuse, which he exactly did, not missing or misplacing one, to the admiration of those that heard him.

The like also would he doe in words of different Languages, and of hard and difficult prolation, to any number whatsoever: but

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Dr. Thomas Fuller. that which was most strange, and very rare in him, was his way of writing, which something like the chineses, was from the top of the page to the bottom: the manner thus. He would write near the Margin the first words of every Line down to the Foot of the Paper, then would be begining at the head againe, fill up every one of these Lines, which without any interlineations or spaces but with the full and equal length, would fo adjust the sense and matter, and feaptly Connex and Conjoyn the ends and beginnings of the faid Lines, that he could not do it better, as he hath faid, if he had writ all out in a Continuation.

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The Treasury of this Happy Memory was a very great Advantage to his Preaching. but being affisted with as Rich invention, and extraordinary reading, did absolutely compleat him for the Pulpit.

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Pulpit. His great stores both of Schoole and case Divinity, both of History and Philosophy, of Arts and Tongues, his Converse in the Scriptures, the Fathers and Hamane Writings had so abundantly furnished him, that without the other additaments he had been very eminent among his function. Now all so happily met together; such a Constellation could portend no lesse then some wonder of men, who should be Famous in his Generation.

Not to omit to this purpose (however to the first intuition it may seem to the Reverend and Graver Divines a precipitancy, and a Venturous Rashnesse in any Man with such unprovided nesse to step into the Pulpit) that this Venerable Doctor, upon some sudden Emergent occasions, upon two hours warning, and upon a subject of his friends Choice, which was Knotty

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Knotty and very Difficult, hath
performed the Task enjoyned him
with much Accuratenesse; such
his Art of Method, besides that his
understanding was strangely opened, for the unlocking and opening of Scriptures, which he would
do very Genuinely and Evidently,
and then Embellish his explication with curious variety of expreffion.

For his ordinary manner of teaching, it was in some kind different from the usual Preachers method of most Ministers in those times; for he seldome made any excursions into the handling of common places, or drew his subject matter out at length, by any profixely continued discourse: But the maine frame of his publique Sarm on s, if not wholy, consisted (after some briefe and genuine resolution of the Context and Explication of the Termes, where

where need required, of Notes and Observations with much variety and great dexterity drawn immediately from the Text, and naturally without constraint, issuing or flowing either from the maine body, or from the feveral parts of it, with some useful Applications annexed thereunto; which though either of them iong infilted upon, yet were wont wirh that vivacity to be propounded and pressed by him, as well might, and oft did pierce deep into the Hearts of his Hearers, and not only rectifie and clear their Judgements, but have a powerful work also upon their Affections:

Nor was it his manner to quote many Scriptures, finding it troublesome to himselfe, and supposing it would be so to his Auditors also; besides deeming it the lesse needfull, in regard that his observations being grounded imaged at the mediately

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ded, & by necessary consequence thence deduced, seemed to re-

ceive proof sufficient from it.

A Constant form of prayer he used, as in his Family, so in his publique Ministry; onely varying or adding, upon speciall occafions, as occurrences intervening required, because not only hesitation (which the Good Doctor for all his strength of Memory, and invention, was afraid of before so awful a presence as the Majesty of Heaven) was in prayer more offensive then other discourse; but because such excursions in that Duty, in the Extempore way, were become the Idol of the Multitude.

In his mixt Contemplations, read these words; Let such new Practises as are to be brought into our Church, be for a time Candidates and Probationers on their good

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of people will fit them, and they fadge with it, hefore they be pub-

liquely enjoyned.

Let them be like Saint Paul's Deacons, 1 Tim. 3. first be proved, then be used, if found blamelesse. I cannot therefore but commend the Discretion of such Statesmen, who knowing the directory to be but a stranger, and considering the great inclination the Generality of our Nation had to the Common-Prayer, made their Temporary Act to stand in sorce but for three years.

He could as well declare his mind and errand, and of all others likewife, with as much plainnesse, clearnesse, and (which is more) reverence, as any of those, who cryed up the Spirit, and their own way in opposition to the Laws and the Judgement of Antiquity; so to take the people with their new

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Fangled words and licentious eafinesse of discoursing with GOD Almighty, whose Attributes they squared to their Petitions, that it

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As he was an Enemy to the inventions of men, obtruded upon the Bleffed Spirit in that irreverend and profane manner of praying and revelation; so was he likewife on the other side a professed and avowed adversary to the Masse and Traditions, which caufed him no little Slander and Obloquie. But the Spirit of this pious Doctor was exceedingly stirred in him against all Popish Insinuators; because he was too sensible that through the mad zeale of the Vulgar, whom they had by Jesuitical practifes inflamed, the House of God in these Kingdomes was fet in combustion.

Therefore with much Prudence, Courage and Boldnesse, did he G 2 every 84 The Life of

every where in his Books, as occasion offered, Unmasque the deceits and designes, resist and curb the pride; convince and lay open the errors of the Church of Rome; though he never wrote any thing particularly by way of Controversie against it, because as he said there was no end of it; and more then sufficient had already been wrote; if any ingenuity had been in the adherents of that Sea, to have submitted to Truth.

Nor was there ever any of that Religion, who were so hardy, as to Challenge or Tax the Doctor but Obliquely, for any thing wherewith he had charged them, either of Apostacy, Heresie, or manifest Idolatry; their abuse of Antiquity in their Rasures and Additions, which did very often occurr to him in most of his books; from which they were sure to

hear of them to the purpose. It

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Dr. Thomas Fuller. 85 much rejoyced the Roman Party, when that misunderstanding hapmed betwixt Doctor Heylin and himself, about his Ecclesiastical History, though they caught no fish in those Troubled Waters; while they tossed their proud billowes forward and backward, the Protestant Gause was safely Anchored and Moared between them.

And as he never had occasion to engage in any Polemical discourse with any of that Party; fo in these miserable bandyings of our late unhappy times, did he alwaies refrain from flickling on any fide, though it was sufficiently known how firmly grounded and addict to the true Protestant Religion; in opposition to the innovations of Presbytery: and the Schisme of Independency, against whom also he had a zeale, but allayed with a greater compassion, then to the Papift, distinguishing betwixt the Seducers

Seducers and the Seduced: whom notwithstanding he did very fee verely deal withal in his writings one instance whereof take in his mixt Contemp. I am fad that I may add with too much truth, that one man will at last be divided in himself, distracted often betwixt many Opinions; that what is reported of Tostatus lying on his Death Bed. In multitudine controverstarum non habuit quod crederet. amongst the Multitude of perswasions, through which he had paffed, he knew not where to call Anchor, and fix himself at Last. So that he may be faid to have been a Right-Handed Enemy to the stubborn Romanist, and a Left Handed one to the cunning Sectary.

He was went to call those controversies concerning Episcopacy, and the new invented Arguments against the Church of England,

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Dr. Thomas Fuller. 87 with the Answers and Resutation thereof, Huspible things of a daies Life and of no permanency; the Church being built upon a Rock, as no stormes could shake or move it, so needed it not any Defences of Art or Learning. Being of the same mind with Sir Henry Wootton, Disputandi pruritus, Scabies Eccle-

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He was wholy conversant during the Broiles and Dissentions of the Clergy, in the thoughts and considerations of that Text: Let your Moderation be known to all men, on which place he once Preached a while before his Majesties Restitution to a very great Auditory; little imagining the subsequent words, for the Lord is at hand, were so near the sulfilling in the merciful Visitations of GOD towards these Miserable Nations.

In this he was the same still, but G 4 more

more follicitous in the Glimmering of that happy Revolution: when he plainly faw how indifpensably necessary, the mutuall condiscentions of all parties were to the establishment & consolidating of Peace: (Mixt Contemplation, to this purpose againe) Peace in our Land, like St. Paul at Athens, betwixt two Seds of Philosophers, in now like to be Encountred with two such opposite Parties: such as are for the Liberties of a Commonwealth, and such as are for an absolute Monarchy in the full length shereof. But I hope neither of them both are fo confiderable in their number, Parts and Influences on the People ; but that the Moderate Party Advocates for Peace, will prevaile for the settling thereof. Ibidem. The Episcopall Party doth defire and expect that the Presbyterian should remit of his Rigidnesse, in order to an expedient between them; the Presbyterians require,

Dr. Thomas Fuller. quire, that the Episcopall side abate of their Authority to advance an Accomodation. But some on both fides are so wedded to their willfulnesse, stand so stiffe on their Judgements, are so hot and high in their Passions, they will not part with the least Punctilio in their Opinions and Practises: such Mens judgements cannot pretend to the exactnesse of the Gibeonites, Judg. 20. 16. that they hit the Mark of an bairs bredth, and faile not: yet will they not abate an Hairs bredth in order to Unity 3 they will take all, but tender nothing: make motions with their Mouthes, but none with their Feet for Peace, not stirring a step towards it ___ Ob that we could see some Proffers and Performances of Condiscention on either side, and then let others who remaine obstinate, be branded with PEREZ, Gen. 38. 29. the Breach be upon them.

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Thus the Good Doctors bent and resolutions, were for a faire and and mutual complyance, out of a tender Jealousie of this Divided Church: seeing other Men resolved, indeed, into an obstinate persistance and adherence to their Opinions, who would rather rashly cut the Gordian knot of Union and Concord, to fullfil the doubtful Oracles of their own Judgement, then leasurly and with patience endeavour the Univing of it, which would set the Church of God at perfect Liberty, and release it from the Violence of prejudiced and captiv'd Reason.

How much this lay upon his Spirit, being the Benjamin of his Love above all other Duties and Necessities in a Christian Conversation, or Government, may seem further tedious to relate; but because it is so Genuine a Traict of his Elegant Pen, and so like him: it is hoped that this Excellent seature Copied here, in this Rude Transcript

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Transcript of him, may be of delight (amidst the Masse and Undigestednesse of these Collections) to the curious Reader - In my Fathers time there was a Fellow of Trinity Colledge in Cambridge, a Native of Carleton in Leicestershire : where the people through some occult cause, are troubled with a Wharling in their Throats; fo that they cannot plainly pronounce the Letter R. This Schollar being conscious of his infirmity, made a Latine Oration of the usual expected length, without an R. therein: and yet did he not only select words fit for his easie pronuntiation, but also as pure and expressive for signification: to hew that men might speak without being beholden to the Dogs Letter-Our English Pulpits for thefe last Eighteen years have had in them too much caninal anger vented by fnapping and fnarling Spirits The Life of

Spirits on both sides. But if you Bite and Devour one another, faith the Apostle, Gal. 5.15. take beed je be not Devoured one of another Think not that our Sermons must be silent if not satyrical, as if Divinity did not afford smooth subjects enough to be seasonably infisted on in this Juncture of Time; let us try our skill, whether we cannot Preach without any Dog Letter, or Biting Word; the Art is half Learned by intending, and wholy by ferious endeavouring of it ____ I am sure that such soft Sermons will be more easie for the tongue of the Preacher in pronouncing them; leffe grating to the Eares of Pious People that hear them: and most edifiing to the Heart of both Speaker and Hearer—Again and for all— Oh may the State be pleased so farre to reflect on this Isaac, as to fettle the inheritance on him. Let Protestant Religion be onely countenanced

Dr. Thomas Fuller. 93 tenanced by Law: be owned and acknowledged for the received Religion of the Nation: - As for other Sects the Sons of Keturah, we grudge not that Gifts be be-Rowed on them: Let them have a Toleration (and that I affure you is a great gift indeed) and be permitted peaceably, but privately to enjoy their Consciences, both in Opinions and Practifes: such Favour may safely, not to say ought justly be afforded unto them fo long as they continue peaceably in our Israel, and not disturb the State.

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This is the rather inserted, both for the cautelousnesse of the Expression he used, and which those times required; & by which discreet and amicable way, our Differences and Breaches were likeliest to be made up: the Disguises of words to the undeceiving of a missed People into the right way of their Felicity,

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who had all along been driven with Speeches and such like Parliament Oratory, being the facilest Method of introducing that Peace which by the same Arts was Violated. Storms begin from, and end in Calmes; the gentle breathings of soft and temperate Spirits commencing the outrages of other mens violent passions, and terminating and stopping their Fury.

This was a Charitable, and also a Reasonable and political Designe of the Doctor, very well applyed in the Crisis of that Distemper: whose acute pains, in the stripping of those people of their Illegall possessions and purchases, (though in time they might and would Naturally and Centrally returne to their just Owners) were to be Alleviated and Eased by some healing Balsome: not to be Lanced and Exasperated by the sharp and

Dr. Thomas Fuller. 95 and keen incisions of invectives and Exprobations; those Tumors and Swellings of Usurped Estates being better to be laid by Lenitives and Suppling Oyles, then to be eaten away by Corrosives, or Cut off by cruel instruments.

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This Policy, more eminent in Illustrious persons (though not the Charity of the Good Doctor) GOD succeeded in that juncture of Time, by amusing the most considerable persons, as well as the generality of the engaged Rebellious Faction and party, into a supinenesse, or (which was the gteater work of providence, that doth commonly go by a Method) confident relyance on the Kings and Kindnesse. Thofe who would not trust his Blessed Father, though under confirmation of his Royal Seal, and Word, to be further strengthned by their own Authority in Parliament, were quict

quiet and contented in the onely bare expectation, what his Royal

Sonne would promise them.

But the Doctors Charity as before, though so extensive, was far over-reached by that Liberty of Conscience, which, interest and felf-will, and the Pride of Schisme. stretcht beyond all convenient of reasonable Limits: his condescentions, to fuch as went by the name of Tender Christians, signifying no more then some Acts of Grace and Fardon lately passed: So that all the good the Doctor. did in that respect, was to himself 4 the benefit of that Love and Charity being returned and multiplied on him to his Everlasting comfort.

But what the measure of his Charity could not fullfill, was made up in his Piety and constant Intercession: that they might prove fuch, as he in his best thoughts had wished them; He

Dr. Thomas Fuller. was most earnest in this duty of payer, and his often Accesses to that Mercy Seate, had made it a place of acquaintance and free reception. As his Study importuned him at very unreasonable Hours, so it opportuned his Devotion, in the early and late Sacrifices, which he indispensably and firstly offered to the God of Heaven: a phrase for its comprehensiveness of the Divine Majesty, in the Glory and perfection of it above all other his Creatures, very Familiat and usuall with the Doctor, by way of Emphasis, or Reverend infance.

If it may passe here without any Rigid Adversion; a very excellent passage of the Doctors (in the beginning of the Anarchy, under a Commonwealth) would seek admittance, having relation to this Duty in hand. Soon after the Kings Death he Preached in a Church H

near London, and a Person then in great power, now Levelled with his Fellowes, was present at the Sermon; In his Prayer before which he faid - God in his due Time fettle our Nation on the true Foundation thereof. The then Great Man demanded of him, what he meant by the true Foundation? he Answered, he was no Lawyer. nor Statesmen, and therefore skill in fuch matters could not beerpected from him. But being preffed further to explain himselfe. whether thereby he did not intend the King, Lords and Commons, he answered, that -- It was a part of bis Prayer to GOD who bad more knowledge then be ignorance in all things; that he knew what was the True Foundation, and fo remit ted the Factious Querist to God Wisedome and Goodness.

This was a kind of his experiments in Prayer, which were many

Dr. Thomas Fuller. 99 and very observable; GOD often answering his defires in kind. and that immediately when he was in some distresses; and Gods providence in taking care and providing for him in his whole course of Life, wrought in him a firme resolution to depend upon him in what Condition so ever heshould be; and he found that providence to continue in that Tenour, to his last end. Indeed he was wholy possest with a holy Fear of, and relyance in GOD, was conscionable in his private Duties, and in fanctifying the Sabbath s being much offended at its Prophanation by disorderly Men. and that both in reference to the Glory of G.O.D, and the scandal brought on the Church of England, sifit allowed, (as some have impudently affirmed) fuch wicked Licentiousnesse. For his own particular, very few Sundaies there Were

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were in the year in which he Preached not twice; besides the duties performed in his own house, or in his attendance on those Noble persons, to whom successively

he was Chaplain.

So that if he had not been helped by a more then Officious Memory, which devoured all the Books he read, and digested them to easie nutriment, that supplyed all the parts and the whole body of his Learning, for his service and furtherance of his Labours; it had been impossible, but that the Duties he performed as a Divine, must have hindred and juttled out those his happy productions as a most Compleat Historian; which study, being tyed to the series and Catenation of Time and Truth, could ill brook, or breake through those Avocations, though no doubt it thrived the better under the kindly influence of his Devotion.

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It will make it also the leffe wonder, why a Man of so Great merit, and fuch conspicuous worth, should never arrive to any eminent Honour, and Dignity, or Church Revenue, save that of Prebend in Salisbury, being also of competent Age, to become the Gravity of such preferments: For he could not afford to feek great matters for himself, who designed his All, for the publique good and the concerns of his precious Soule: Questionlesse he could not have wanted Friends to his advancement, if he would have pursued fuch ends, who would have been agreat furtherers of himselfe out of a particular affection, (which is alwaies ambitious of laying such obligations upon Vertue) to his person, as they had assisted him in his works and Labours.

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He was reward and recompence enough to himfelf, and for his fame and and Glory certainly he computed it the best way, tis the Jewel that graces the Ring, not so contrary. High places are levelled in death, and crumble into dust, leaving no impression of those that possessed them, and are onely retrievable to posterity by some excellent pourtraits of their nobler part; wherein it will on all hands be confest, the Doctor hath absolutely drawn himself beyond the excellentest counterfeit of Art, and which shall outlive all addition of monument, and outstourish the pomp of the lasting it sepulchrall glory.

But had the worthy Doctor but fome longer while survived, to the fruition of that quiet and settlement of the Church, of which by Gods goodnesse and favour, we have so full a prospect, and that the crowd of suiters for Ecclesiastical promotions, had left thronging and importuning their great

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friends to the stifling and smothering of modest merit, it may be
presumed the Royal bounty would
favourably have reflected on and
respected that worth of the Docor (which was so little set by and
regarded of himself in his contented obscurity) by a convenient plaeing and raising of that light to
some higher Orb from whence he
should have dilated and dispenced
his salutiferous rayes and influences:

Some little time after his death his course would have come to have preached before his Majesty, for which the Doctor made preparations, and that most probably would have proved a sit opportunity of notifying himself to the King; whose most judicious and exact observation the remarques of the Doctors learned preaching would have happily suted. This honour was designed him before

by a Right Noble Lord, in whose retinue as Chaplain he went over to the Hague, at the reduction of his Majesty, into these his Kingdoms. But the hast and dispatch which that great Affair required in the necessity of the Kings presence here, afforded him not the effect of that Honourable intendment. But what he was disappointed of here, is fully attained by his happy appearance before the King of Kings, to praise and magnification, and to sing Halelujahs for ever.

So ADIEV to that Glory of the Doctor, which is incommunicable with the World; and Ave and all Prosperity be to those his remains, which he hath to the General advantage of Learning and Piety most Liberally imparted.

Too Customary were it, to re-

Dr. Thomas Fuller. 105 cite the feveral kinds and forts of Honourable Epithets, we his equal Readers have fixt on him; but this under Favour, may be affigned peculiarly to him, that no man performed any thing of fuch difficulty as his undertakings, with that Delight and Profit, which were as the Gemelli and Twins of his hard Labour, and superfætations of wit, not distinguishable but by the thred of his own Art, which clued men into their several and distinct appartiments.

And so impertinent it will be to engage further in a particular account of his Books, whose sure and perpetual Duration needs not the Minutes of this Biography, especially that his ultimate piece, and partly Posthumous, (his often mentioned Book, the Worthies Generall of England) whose designe was drawn by Eternity; commencing

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mencing from their (before) unknown Originalls, and leading into an Ocean of New Discoveries. And may some happy, as hardy Pen attempt the Continuation.

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The Names of his other Books having had their due Reception, need no other mention to Posterity, then what you have in this ensuing Gatalogue.

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